

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HA-2229

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 631 West Bel Air Avenue

2. Location

street and number 631 West Bel Air Avenue not for publication

city, town Aberdeen vicinity

county Harford

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David A. Simons, Sr.

street and number 631 West Bel Air Avenue telephone

city, town Aberdeen state MD zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 3101 folio 283

city, town Bel Air tax map 205 tax parcel 623 tax ID number 005778

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house is a 2 ½ story, 3 bay wide rectangular structure, capped with hipped roof. A protruding dormer punctuates the center of each façade of the roof. The style reflects both late Victorian and early Colonial Revival influences typical of the first decades of the twentieth century. The front porch spans the entire length of the façade. A pedimented gable roof in the center of the porch marks the placement of the front entrance.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1920

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The current house was built in 1920, but the property has additional historical value as land owned by the East Harford Station Methodist Episcopal Church where it was the parsonage property in 1883. The land was called "Moreal" and was conveyed for the sum of One Dollar to Trustees of the church on June 18, 1883, from the Hawkins family (liber ALJ 50, folio 412). The parcel was 3 and 1/8 acres of land on the road leading from Aberdeen to Churchville.

The East Harford Station Methodist Episcopal Church in Aberdeen in 1883 was a part of the East Baltimore District of the Baltimore Conference. The development of the town's social fabric and religious history was a formative part of its incorporation in 1892.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____
Acreage of historical setting 3 1/8 acres
Quadrangle name Aberdeen

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Wendy O'Steen

organization Aberdeen Heritage Trust

date 28 August 2008

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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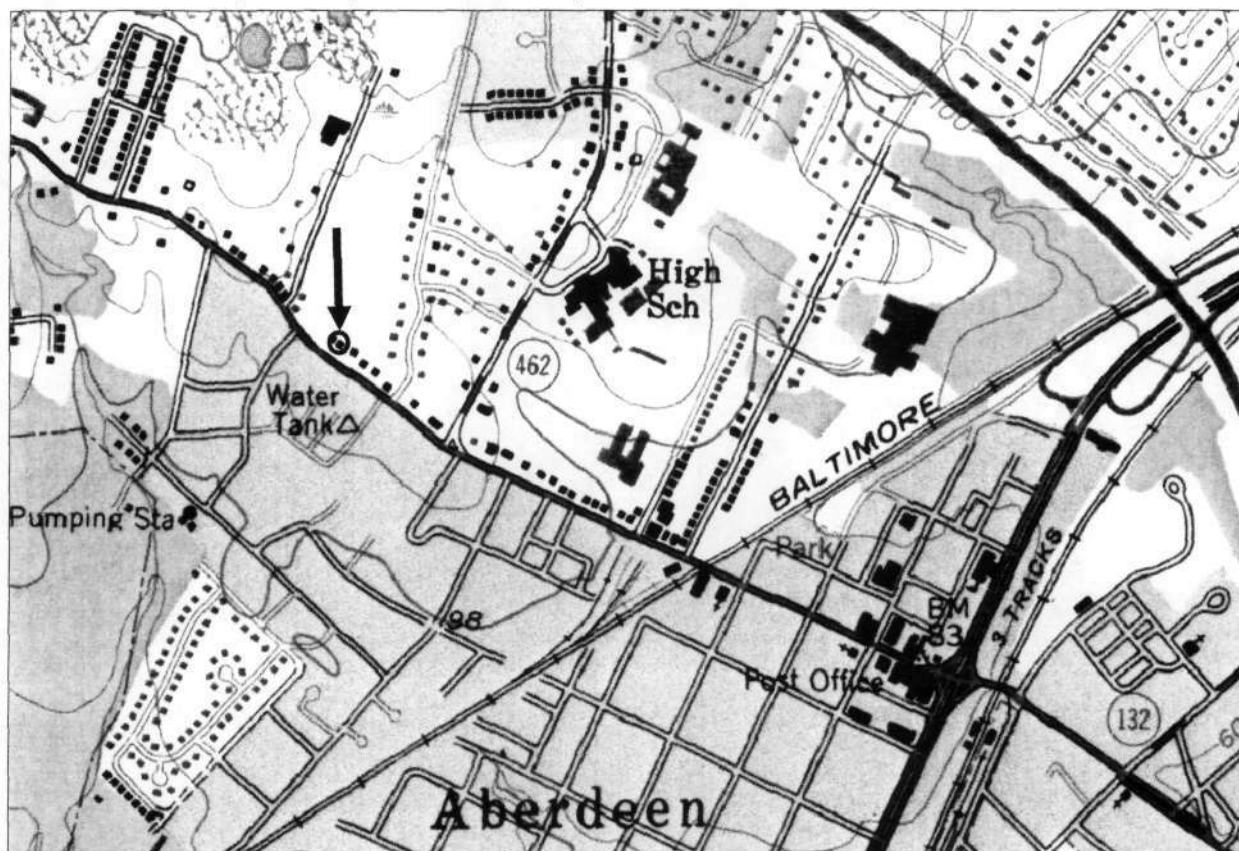
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Title search included.

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 631 W. Bel Air Avenue (MD 132), Aberdeen
 Aberdeen Quadrangle 1953 (Photorevised 1985)



Harford County Tax Map 205, p. 623

Sanborn Map, 1950, Sheet 1

